

infectious organisms, water runoff, lead content of the materials, excess heat from the synthetic surface, damage to the field, replacement of the turf and infill, and the permanence of the stone particle base. He referred to the extensive research on synthetic turf conducted by the Pennsylvania State University Center for Sports Surface Research, with findings available at ssrc.psu.edu. Asked whether players would need new equipment to play on the proposed field, Mr. Collins assured the Board that no new equipment, e.g., cleats, would be needed. Mr. Warrington pointed out that a synthetic surface would allow 3 times the usage of a natural turf field, resulting in a lower cost per use. The current generation of synthetic materials available is much better than the materials originally used. Board members thanked Mr. Collins and Mr. Warrington. Board members felt that their concerns had been addressed.


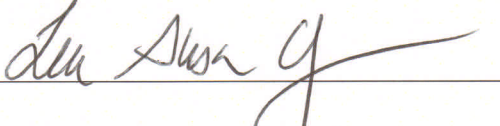

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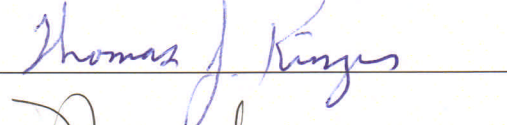
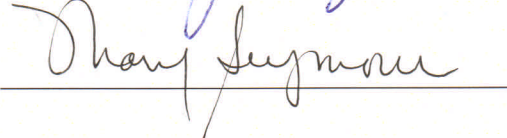
Mr. Black discussed the FY'12 budget and its presentation to the Financial Committee (FinCom). He asked the Board whether they would consider presenting a contingency item. The co-chairs agreed to attend the FinCom meeting on January 20.

The Board decided to cancel the scheduled February 7th meeting and rescheduled it for February 14th.

Ms. Ojamaa moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Seymour seconded the motion. Vote count: 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 P.M.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on February 14, 2011.

Documents utilized and/or made available at this meeting:

- 1) 1/10/11 Agenda and draft of 12/13/10 Minutes, file.
- 2) Fact Sheet: Crumb-Rubber Infilled Synthetic Turf Athletic Fields, July 2008, New York Dept. of Health – 9 pages, attached to minutes.
- 3) Fact Sheet: Connecticut Dept. of Public Health, October 2007 – 2 pages, attached to minutes.
- 4) U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: Press Release dated July 30, 2008, attached to minutes.
- 5) Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection: Synthetic Turf Beneficial Use Determination correspondence dated July 12, 2007, attached to minutes.
- 6) New Jersey Education Association: Info re: Grass Playing Field vs. Synthetic Turf, attached to minutes.